



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

The regular Friday, October 17, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting was called to order by President Dean L. Auxter, @ 8:30 A.M. with the following members in attendance:

Dean L. Auxter, President
Ryan R. Zimmerman, D.V.M., Vice-President
James Mason
Iracema Arevalo, M.D.
John W. Zimmerman
John L. Yuhas, D.O.
Robert Gross

Excused absence: Nan Smith

Guests in attendance: Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller; Attorney Tom Bowlus, Carline Timmons, and Fred Audritsh, Zoning Inspector.

There was no public, Board, or staff comment.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, September 19, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting as presented. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$270,897.93 and revenue year to date of \$3,131,690.83. Expenses for the month were \$328,453.07 and expenses year to date totaled \$2,589,762.00.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health reviewed the monthly bills for payment, which become a part of these minutes. After Board review, Dr. Yuhas made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative. The bills: Board of Health, \$6,696.91; Manufactured Home Park, \$112.00; Food Service, \$1,359.92; Private Water Systems, \$1,706.95; Swimming Pools, \$5.60; Family Planning, \$3,578.12; Public Health Clinic, \$37,135.77; CFHS, \$10.00; Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.), \$2,535.89; Tobacco Use, Prevention and Cessation, \$78.75; Community Health Assessment, \$142.56; Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$273.06; SPF-PFS, \$51,647.27; Help Me Grow, \$856.54; Wellness, \$4,660.09; Sewage Treatment Systems, \$449.50; Scrap Tire, \$170.03; Creating Healthy Communities, \$10,399.16; Mental Health Levy Capacity, \$187.20; Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, \$13,065.00; Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation, \$2,968.46; and Public Health Workforce, \$2,556.72.

Sandusky Co. Board of Health read and reviewed Resolution 25-12, Supplemental Appropriation in the Drug Free Communities line item. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: J. Zimmerman, yes; R. Zimmerman, yes; Arevalo, yes; Auxter, yes; Gross, yes; Mason, yes; and Yuhas, yes. Vote: 7- yes; 0 nay. Motion carried.

Environmental Health Division employee Taylor Garcia was introduced to the Board of Health.

Mr. Gross made a motion to employ Julia Ollom, intermittent, in the Environmental Health Division, effective Monday, October 6, 2026 @ \$16.00/hour. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Director of Nursing Deb Agee is currently conducting interviews for the part time Help Me Grow visiting position.

SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH PERSONNEL COMMITTEE WILL MEET FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 @ 12:30 P.M. IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter requested if anyone was present for the public hearing of Resolution 25-07 Sandusky Co. Public Health 2026 fee schedule. No one was in attendance for the public hearing. The second reading, by title, of Resolution 25-07 was held.

SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 @ 8:00 A.M. IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM.

Dr. Yuhas made a motion to approve Notice of Award for Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) program in the amount of \$372,576.00, for October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026. Dr. Arevalo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for Creating Healthy Communities for October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Notice of Award for Ohio Traffic Safety Office grant in the amount of \$28,875.00 for October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve contract with Mental Health and Recovery Services –The Board, for SPF-PFS EPIIC Leadership in the amount of \$27,500.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Sandusky Co. Family and Children First Council for SPF-PFS EPIIC Leadership in the amount of \$27,500.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the contract with Huron Co. Public Health SPF-PFS EPIIC county partner in the amount of \$32,500.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Ottawa Co. Public Health for SPF-PFS EPIIC county partner in the amount of \$32,500.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Hope in Fostoria – CARSA for SPF-PFS EPIIC county partner in the amount of \$32,500.00. Dr. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract with Wyandot Co. Family and Children First Council for SPF-PFS EPIIC county partner in the amount of \$32,500.00. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

Encouraged Board of health members to have residents complete Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Assessment. Health Partners will meet Thursday, November 6, 2025 @ 11:30 A.M. to review information and data received thus far. With a report @ the Friday, November 21, 2025 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting.

The current federal government shutdown has the biggest effect on Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) Program. Funding is secure through October 31, 2025. Ohio Dept. of Health has a “plan” if the shutdown lasts into November. Currently, it is business as usual, as federal payments are flowing however; no consultants are available due to furlough.

The first walk in flu clinic was held on Monday, October 6, 2025, with the high dose flu vaccine in demand. Walk in flu clinics will continue Monday, October 20 and 27, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

COVID vaccine is available by appointments. Director of Support Services Bryleigh Wolf stated a patient’s insurance is reviewed before scheduling the appointment.

Title 10 funding has been slightly decreased. Sandusky Co. Public Health Help Me Grow Program received accreditation. FAMILY CONNECTS through Sandusky Co. Public Health will allow an increase in newborn and Mom visits, focusing on birth to the infant’s two (2) month check up. Dr. Arevalo questioned visit qualifications and FAMILY CONNECTS is for all Sandusky Co. residents.

Health Planning and Education participated in several events in September, 2025, i.e. Y.M.C.A. of Sandusky Co. Fun Fest, Downtown Fremont Get Fit, ProMedica Memorial Family Fest and Mom’s Against Suicide. SPOOKTACULAR will be Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 6-8:00 P.M. @ Y.M.C.A. of Sandusky Co. All are invited to attend.

Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) program is open during the federal shutdown, with participation @ the highest level ever.

Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter reported an increase in the division's workload, attendance @ Ohio Environmental Health Association Conference @ Kalahari, Sandusky, Ohio. More hearings will be scheduled before Sandusky Co. Public Health going forward. Frequent inspections of 104 N. Broadway, Green Springs, Ohio are being done following Sandusky Co. Board of Health orders @ the Friday, August 15, 2025 meeting. Mr. Carpenter has scheduled another follow up inspection the week of October 20, 20225. Mr. Mason requested monthly Environmental Health inspection reports of critical food service operation violations are in the meeting packet.

A public hearing was held before the Sandusky Co. Board of Health for Artz Property, 2760 SR #19, Fremont, Ohio. Caroline Timmons, Executor of Gladys Artz Estate; and Tom Bowlus, attorney for the estate, addressed the Board. Director of Environmental Health Juston Carpenter presented a power point of the public health nuisance conditions, noting minimal progress and reverting to public health nuisance conditions. After discussion, Mr. Zimmerman made a motion for initiation of abatement of the public health nuisance @ 2760 N. SR #19, Fremont, Ohio, with full compliance within six (6) months of Sandusky Co. Board of Health order. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Voting thereon: R. Zimmerman, yes; Auxter, yes; J. Zimmerman, yes; Arevalo, yes; Gross, yes; Yuhass, yes; and Mason, yes. Vote: 7-yes; 0-nay. Motion carried. Mr. Gross requested a copy of the Ohio Revised Code on public health nuisance statute be provided.

Brownfield funding opens the end of the month and closes ninety (90) days. Initiation of funding would be late spring, early summer, 2026.

Zoning Inspector Fred Audritsh questioned oversight of small package sewage treatment plants in Sandusky Co. Mr. Carpenter stated Northwest District Ohio E.P.A. office has oversight and will review, document and forward to Ohio E.P.A. in Bowling Green.

Sandusky Co. Commissioner Scott Miller voiced appreciation for work of Sandusky Co. Public Health and questioned education of the public on cars left running in a garage and carbon monoxide poisoning. Two (2) elderly Sandusky Co. residents have died recently after leaving cars running in enclosed area. Health Commissioner Brown will look into prevention of this.

NOVEMBER SANDUSKY CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 21ST @ 8:30 A.M. IN THE FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM.

There was no need for Executive Session.

Mr. Gross made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting in the affirmative.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

